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I concur with the comments of the motorcycle Riders Foundation, please spend research funds in a way that will actually provide real information about preventing a crash. It would help a lot if those who are making this decision, were also people who ride motorcycles.

I want to emphasize our unshakable commitment to **preventing** the crash in the first place, and we continue to appeal to you for a meaningful partnership and effective programs that lead to crash **prevention**. Properly structured and carefully monitored, a crash causation study will contribute directly to crash prevention (e.g., through incorporation of new lessons learned into rider training curricula). Rider interviews cannot. In this regard, we concur in an observation made by NHTSA in its recent "Motorcycle Safety Program:" the agency stated that "crash prevention...offers the greatest potential safety benefit for motorcyclists."

Sincerely,

Steve Helveston